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For: AN IC CARD HAVING A DEDICATED WRITE CONTROLLER FOR
WRITING TO INCORPORATED EEPROM ON THE CARD (As Amended)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that a three-month Extension of Time, to and including December 19, 2001, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Our check including the amount of \$920.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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